

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 911

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of HCA Healthcare.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a healthcare organization that has established a tradition of treating patients with warmth and compassion while serving the greater community through philanthropy and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, founded by Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr., Dr. Thomas Frist, Jr., and Jack C. Massey in 1968, HCA Healthcare has grown from a single hospital in Nashville to an expansive network of caregivers that includes 179 hospitals and 120 freestanding surgery centers in twenty U.S. states and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, this year, the management, medical professionals, and employees of HCA Healthcare are celebrating the company's fiftieth anniversary with the theme of "Improving life. Making history." as they carry forward their longstanding commitment to providing superior healthcare; and

WHEREAS, ranked sixty-third in Fortune 500, HCA Healthcare has 250,000 employees, 38,000 active physicians, and 85,000 nurses who help keep communities healthy via more than twenty-eight million patient encounters each year; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Cannon, the Cancer Institute of HCA, which is recognized internationally as a leader in cancer research and care, is celebrating twenty-five years of providing patients with access to cutting-edge therapies close to home and has been a clinical trial leader in the majority of approved therapies by the Food and Drug Administration over the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, HCA Healthcare is also responsible for clinical breakthroughs and cutting-edge innovations that have advanced the understanding for improving the health of newborns,

reducing healthcare-associated infections, preventing sepsis, and improving overall standards for patient care; and

WHEREAS, named one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies" for nine consecutive years, HCA Healthcare gives back to the communities it serves by providing charity care, uninsured discounts, and other uncompensated care at a cost of \$3 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, HCA employees made charitable donations of \$15.1 million, including the company's matching gifts, and contributed more than 200,000 volunteer hours in their communities; and

WHEREAS, HCA Healthcare has played a key part in establishing and growing Nashville's multi-billion-dollar healthcare industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr., once said, "Good people beget good people," and the co-founder's original vision still prevails today, as HCA's leadership remains committed to a patient-focused vision of health care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the management, physicians, nurses, ancillary medical professionals, and other employees of HCA Healthcare in celebrating the company's fiftieth anniversary as a model of integrity and compassion in the healthcare industry, applaud their common mission to care for and improve human lives, and extend to these good people our best wishes for much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.